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02/04/2011

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

SUBJECT: Authority to Conduct Investigation

I request your authorization to investigate a possible change in postal services for the office in the Kansas 1st congressional district.

Post Office Name: ALEXANDER

Zip+4 Code: 67513-9998

EAS Level: 55

Finance Number: 190165

County: Rush

Proposed Admin Office: BAZINE PO

ADMIN Miles Away: 9.0

Near Office Name: MCCracken PO

Near Miles Away: 9.0

Number of Customers:

Post Office Box: 43

General Delivery: 0

Rural Route (RR): 0

Highway Contract Route (HCR): 0

Intermediate RR: 23

Intermediate HCR: 0

City Delivery: 0

Total Customers: 66

ZIP Code Change: Yes ☐ NO ☒ ZIP Code

The above office became vacant when the postmaster retired on 11/30/2009.

Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations

Approval to Study for Discontinuance:

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

02/04/2011

DATE

cc: Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communication



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NOTICE OF POST OFFICE EMERGENCY SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/03/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS/DISTRICT PERSONNEL OF SUSPENSION

A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no Emergency Suspension for this office

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Post Office™ Locations

Post Office™ Locations near 67513

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1 **Post Office™**
Location -
ALEXANDER
103 MAIN ST
ALEXANDER, KS
67513-9998
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(785) 343-2291

1.3 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:00am-12:00pm
1:00pm-3:00pm
Sat
8:00am-9:30am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

2 **Post Office™**
Location - MC
CRACKEN
307 MAIN ST
MC CRACKEN, KS
67556-9998
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(785) 394-2504

8.6 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:30am-12:30pm
1:00pm-4:00pm
Sat
8:45am-9:45am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.

3 **Post Office™**
Location - BAZINE
207 S MAIN ST
BAZINE, KS 67516-
9633
(800) ASK-USPS
(800) 275-8777
(785) 398-2461

8.8 mi

Business Hours
Mon-Fri
8:00am-12:30pm
1:30pm-4:15pm
Sat
9:30am-10:00am
Sun
closed

Services
[PO Boxes Online](#)

Service hours may vary. Please
check link for business hours.



Eviction Notice

A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

There was no eviction notice for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/03/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



Building Inspection Report

A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

- There was no building inspection report nor photos for this office

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/03/2011
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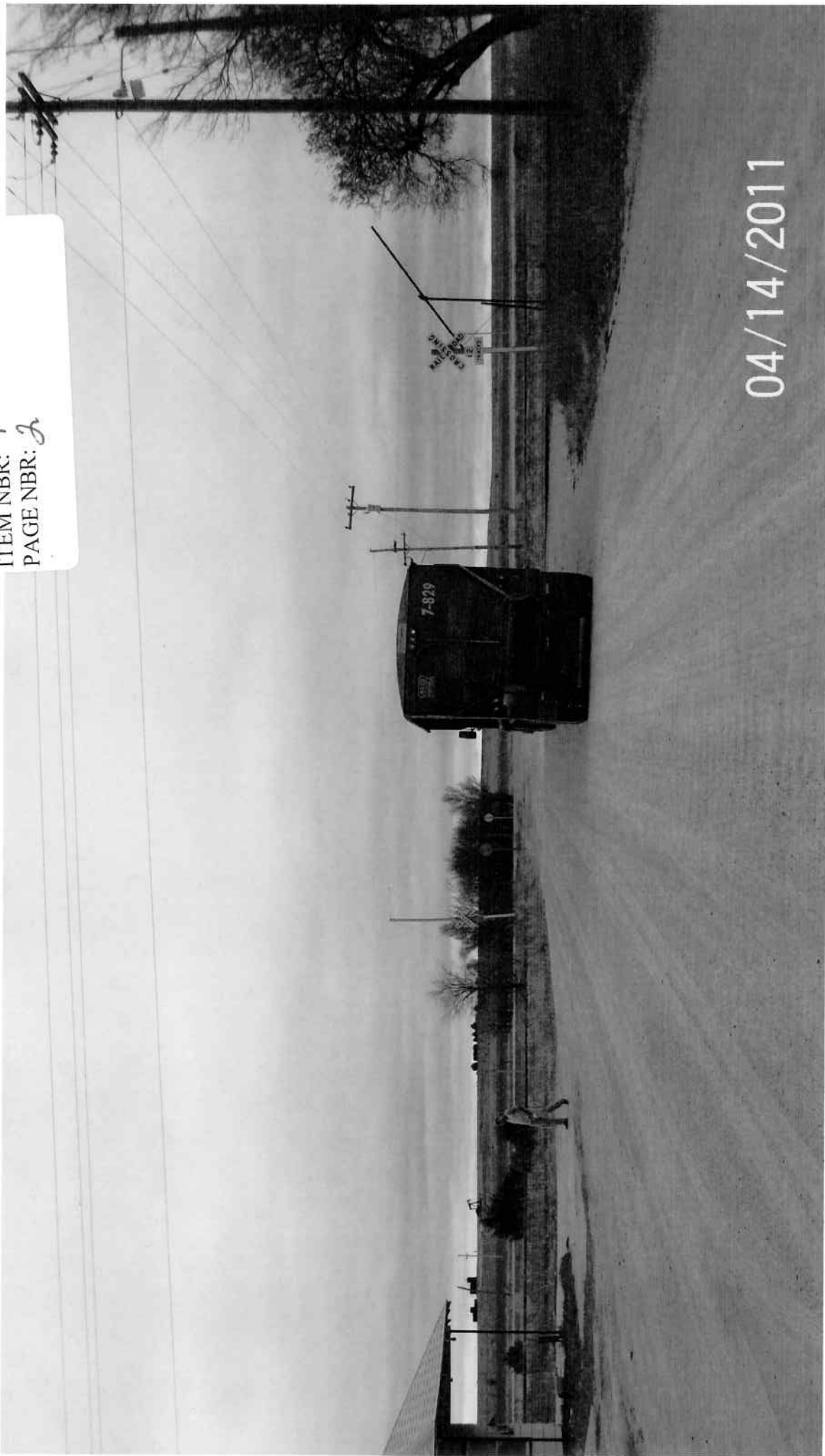
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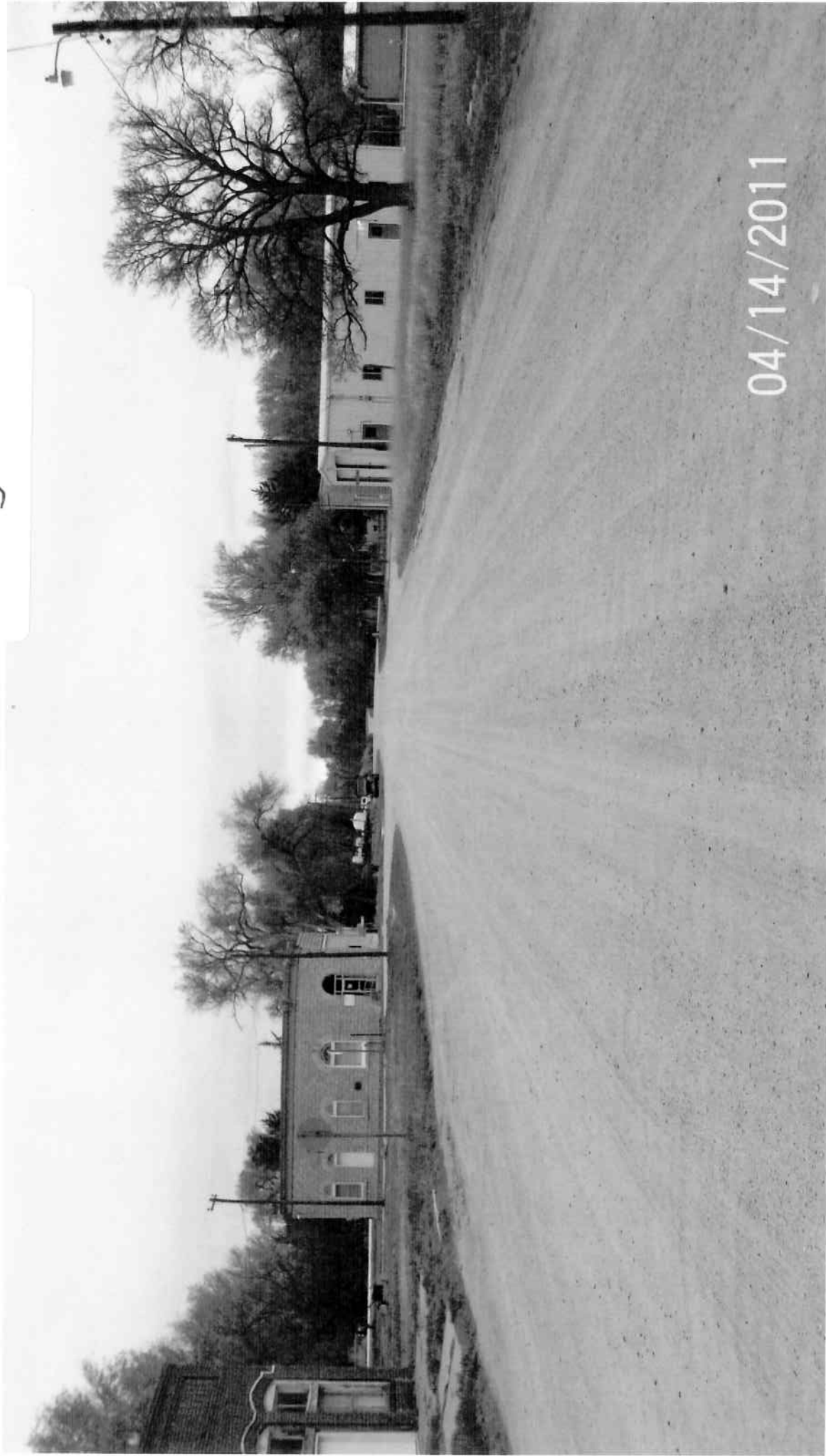


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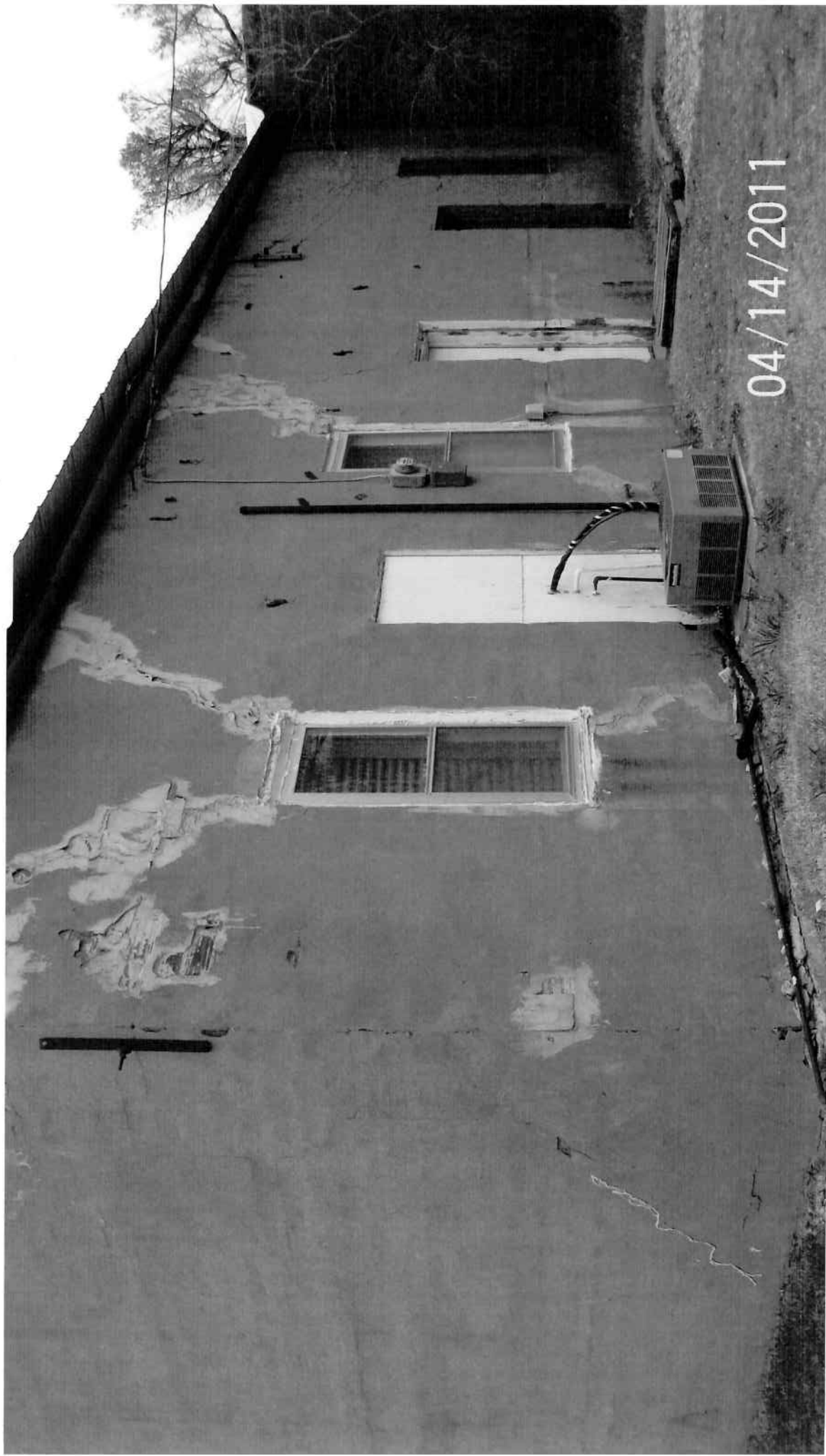


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PS Form 150, Postmaster Workload Information

Post Office, State & Zip Code ALEXANDER, KS 67513		Postmaster's Signature GPKXN0	Date 03/17/2011
District Office, State & Zip Code CENTRAL PLAINS PFC, NE 68119		District Manager's Signature Rick Pivovar	Date 03/17/2011
(Check Box)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vacancy <input type="checkbox"/> Management Review <input type="checkbox"/> RFR		See Instructions on Reverse	
1.	Current Office Level		55
2.	Finance Number	(1-6)	190165
3.	General Delivery Families Served	(7-9)	0
4.	Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	(10-15)	43
5.	Possible City Deliveries	(16-20)	0
6.	Administrative Rural Boxes Served	(21-25)	0
7.	Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	(26-30)	23
8.	Administrative Responsibility form Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices	(31-35)	0
9.	Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(36-39)	0
10.	Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	(40-43)	0
11.	Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices	(44-47)	0
12.	Number of Carrier Stations/Branches	(48-49)	0
13.	Number of Finance Stations/Branches	(50-51)	0
14.	Number of Contract Stations/Branches & Community Post Offices	(52-53)	0
15a.	Does Office Experience A Seasonal Workload? (box one "Y" of yes, "N" for no) (If you answer "yes" of this question, complete 'Seasonal Workload' section on reverse.)	(54)	N
15b.	Duration of Experience A Seasonal Workload? (minimum of 8 weeks)	(55-56)	0
16.	Does Office Perform Outgoing Distribution for Other Offices?	(57)	N
17.	Does Office Perform Incoming Distribution for Other Offices?	(58)	N
18.	Does Office Perform Incoming Secondary Distribution for Other Offices?	(59)	N
19.	Do You Separate All Incoming Letter Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(60)	N
20.	Do You Separate All Incoming Flat Size Mail to City & Rural Carrier Routes for Your Own Office?	(61)	Y
21.	Do You Have Responsibility for Vehicle Maintenance Facilities?	(62)	N
22.	Does Your Office Have Administrative Responsibility for an Air Transfer Office?	(63)	N
23.	Is Postmaster Lessor for Government Owned Building?	(64)	N
24.	Does Office Have MPLSM/SPLSM?	(65)	N
25.	Does Office Distribute Food Stamps?	(65)	N

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	Normal	During Seasonal Period
General Delivery Families Served	0	0
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented	43	0
Possible City Deliveries	0	0
Administrative Rural Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served	23	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Rural Boxes	0	0
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served	0	0
Administrative Responsibility/Number Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes	0	0

Instructions

1. Enter current evaluated office level.
2. Enter the 6 digit post office finance number.
3. Enter number of general delivery families served.
4. Enter total number of post office boxes and call boxes rented. Do not confuse with the total number available. This total should include boxes rented at classified stations/branches as well as the main office including GPO's.
5. Enter total possible city deliveries. The total reported should equal the total possible deliveries shown on Form 1621, *Carrier Route Report*, for the previous accounting period.
6. Enter the number of administrative boxes served. This is the number of rural route boxes served, within your ZIP Code ONLY by carriers administratively reporting to you. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
7. Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes served. This is the number of rural boxes, within your ZIP Code, served by a carrier administratively reporting to another postmaster. For credit, the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the routes within your ZIP Code by you or your employees prior to carrier sequencing.
8. Enter the number of intermediate rural boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a carrier administratively responsible to you, but which are located in the ZIP Code for another office.
9. Enter the number of administrative highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor for whom you have administrative responsibility. Do not include boxes on the routes which are in the same ZIP Code of an intermediate office.
10. Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes served. This is the total number of star route boxes served within your ZIP Code ONLY by a contractor who administratively reports to another Postmaster. For credit the mail must be incoming to your office and separated to the contract route by you or your employees.
11. Enter the number of intermediate highway contract star route boxes for which you are administratively responsible. This is the number of boxes served by a contractor for whom you are administratively responsible and which are located in the ZIP Code of another office.
12. Enter the number of classified stations and/or branches that have carrier delivery service.
13. Enter the number of classified finance stations and/or branches (without carrier delivery service) staffed by postal employees.
14. Enter the total number of contract stations, rural stations and community post offices.
 - (a) A contract station is a detached finance unit manned by non-postal employees.
 - (b) A rural station is a post office box delivery unit serviced by a rural carrier.
 - (c) A community post office is a contract unit which provides service in a small community.
15. To receive credit for a seasonal workload increase the items shown on the seasonal workload portion of the form must show a 25% increase and must last for a minimum of 8 weeks. The Christmas Season is not to be considered as a seasonal workload increase. Should your office have a seasonal workload increase you should enter the exact number of weeks the season lasts and complete the seasonal workload portion of the form in its entirety.

Questions 16 Thru 25 Should Be Answered Y (Yes) or N (No)

16. Does office separate massed outgoing mail originating in other associate offices to three digit ZIP CODE designating offices and/or area distribution centers and demonstrate a culling, facing and cancelling operation?
17. Does office separate massed three digit sorted incoming mail to a five digit sort for other associate offices?
18. Does office separate incoming mail to carrier routes for other associate offices?
19. Does office separate all incoming letter size mail to city, rural and/or star routes?
20. Does office separate all incoming flats to city and/or rural carrier routes without assistance from an MPC?
21. Do you have a vehicle maintenance facility under your jurisdiction?
22. Do you have an air transfer office under your jurisdiction?
23. Do you occupy a government-owned building and lease a portion of the building to someone else?
24. Does your office operate a Multiple Position Letter Sorting Machine (MPLSM) or Single Position Letter Sorting Machine (SPLSM)?
25. Does your office distribute food stamps?

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Worksheet for calculating Workload Service Credit (WSC) for Post Offices

Office Name: ALEXANDER
Office Zip+4: 67513 -9998 District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Activity WSCs

General Delivery Families Served (Item 3, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Post Office Boxes/Call Boxes Rented (Item 4, PS Form 150).....	<u>43</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>43</u>
Possible City Deliveries (Item 5, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.33	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Rural Boxes Served (Item 6, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Intermediate Rural Boxes Served (Item 7, PS Form 150)	<u>23</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>16</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Rural Boxes for Other Offices (Item 8, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 9, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 1.0	=	<u>0</u>
Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes Served (Item 10, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.7	=	<u>0</u>
Administrative Responsibility for Intermediate Highway Contract/Star Route Boxes for Other Offices (Item 11, PS Form 150)	<u>0</u>	X 0.3	=	<u>0</u>
Total Activity WSCs				<u>59</u>

Revenue WSCs

First	25 revenue units: 1.00	X	<u>25</u> units	=	<u>25.00</u>
Next	275 revenue units: 0.50	X	<u>38</u> units	=	<u>19.00</u>
Next	700 revenue units: 0.25	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Next	5000 revenue units: 0.10	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
	Balance of revenue units: 0.01	X	<u>0</u> units	=	<u>0.00</u>
Total revenue WSCs:					<u>44.00</u>

Activity WSCs 59 + Revenue WSCs = 44.00 Base WSCs 103.00 = EAS Grade E

Previous evaluation: EAS grade 55

Effective date of change in service hours: _____ (if appropriate)
(when a vacancy exists, hours must reflect the appropriate EAS grade)

Worksheet completed by:

LEANN TVRDY

LEANN.K.TVRDY@USPS.GOV

Printed Name

Signature

CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District Review Coordinator

03/15/2011

Title

Date

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Window Transaction Survey

Window Transaction Survey

PO Name: ALEXANDER KSZIP+4: 67513-9998Completed by: Barbara K. Spreizer

(Signature and Title)

Survey Period: 2/26/11 Through: 3/11/11

Record the number of retail window transactions in the appropriate columns for each day. Consider a sale of stamps and a money order is two transactions. Do not record the handing out over the counter of box mail, general delivery mail, or carrier mail. Instead of this worksheet, you may use PS Form 2007-A, *Window Transaction Record*; PS Form 2007-B, *Window Transaction Conversion*; and PS Form 2007-C, *Window Transaction Survey*. Use hash marks (///) for daily entries in the columns. To obtain the average daily number of transactions, divide the total number of transactions during the survey period by the number of days in the survey. The allowable time per transaction is shown in each column in minutes. To determine the average daily workload in minutes, multiply the number of transactions in each column by the time conversion for that column, total the time conversions for all columns, and divide the total number of minutes by the number of days in the survey period.

Day/Date	Postage Sales (.777)	Priority Parcels Money Orders (1.083)	Express Registered C.O.D. (1.969)	Passports Meter Settings (5.06)	Box Rent (2.875)	Certified Insured Special Service (1.792)	Misc. Services (1.787)	Nonrevenue Services (1.188)
Saturday	11	12						11 11
Monday	///	25						///
Tuesday	///	3	1		1			///
Wednesday	///	14						///
Thursday	///	14						///
Friday	///	5						11
Saturday	11	10						///
Monday	/// 11	19	1					///
Tuesday	///	5			1			///
Wednesday	/// 1	5	1					///
Thursday	///	2	1					///
Friday	///	3						///
Total Transactions	49	119	4		2			44
Time Factor	x .777	x 1.083	x 1.969	x 5.06	x 2.875	x 1.792	x 1.787	x 1.188
Total Minutes	38	129	8		6			52

Average Number Daily Transactions: 18Average Daily Retail Workload in Minutes: 19

Survey of Incoming Mail

Survey of Incoming Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4 ALEXANDER 67513 - 9998
Dates Recorded 02/26/2011 through 03/11/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 02/26	86	50	4	61	1	3	0	0
Sun - 02/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 02/28	77	71	7	123	5	2	0	0
Tue - 03/01	65	116	6	87	1	1	1	0
Wed - 03/02	128	36	3	10	9	0	0	0
Thu - 03/03	75	62	1	38	5	3	0	0
Fri - 03/04	141	33	4	64	3	2	0	0
Sat - 03/05	87	21	8	68	0	2	0	0
Sun - 03/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/07	142	71	1	37	1	0	0	0
Tue - 03/08	74	89	1	62	2	1	0	0
Wed - 03/09	68	107	3	22	5	3	0	0
Thu - 03/10	87	61	5	78	0	1	0	1
Fri - 03/11	60	50	4	29	7	0	0	0
TOTALS	1,090	767	47	679	39	18	1	1
Daily Average	90.8	63.9	3.9	56.6	3.3	1.5	0.1	0.1

Signature of Person Making Count: RON REILLY
Printed Name: RON REILLY
Date: 03/15/11

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Fiat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

Conversion rates are subject to periodic updates which will be published and disseminated when applicable.

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Survey of Incoming Mail

Survey of Incoming Mail
(Record in Pieces)Post Office Name and ZIP+4: ALEXANDER KS 67513-9998Dates Recorded: 2/26/11 through 3/11/11

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard	Register	Express
Saturday	86	50	4	61	1	3		
Monday	77	71	7	123	5	2		
Tuesday	65	116	6	87	1	1	1	
Wednesday	128	36	3	10	9	0		
Thursday	75	62	1	38	5	3		
Friday	141	33	4	64	3	2		
Saturday	87	21	8	68	0	2		
Monday	142	71	1	37	1	0		
Tuesday	74	89	1	62	2	1		
Wednesday	68	107	3	22	5	3		
Thursday	87	61	5	78	0	1		1
Friday	60	50	4	29	7	0		
TOTALS	1090	767	47	679	39	18	1	1
Daily Average	90.83	63.92	3.92	56.58	3.25	1.50		

Signature of Person Making Count: Pamela K. SpreierPrinted Name: Pamela K. SpreierTitle: OIC

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

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(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and ZIP+4: ALEXANDER KS 67513-9998

Dates Recorded: 2/26/11 through 3/11/11

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard	Register	Express
Saturday	86	50	4	61	1	3		
Monday	77	71	7	123	5	2		
Tuesday	65	116	6	87	1	1	1	
Wednesday	128	36	3	10	9	0		
Thursday	75	62	1	38	5	3		
Friday	141	33	4	64	3	2		
Saturday	87	21	8	68	0	2		
Monday	142	71	1	37	1	0		
Tuesday	74	89	1	62	2	1		
Wednesday	68	107	3	22	5	3		
Thursday	87	61	5	78	0	1		1
Friday	60	50	4	29	7	0		
TOTALS	1090	767	47	679	39	18	1	1
Daily Average	90.83	63.92	3.92	56.58	3.25	1.50		

Signature of Person Making Count: Pamela K. Spreier

Printed Name: Pamela K Spreier

Title: OIC

Conversion Rate

Letter Type	Total Pieces Per Foot	Flat Type	Total Pieces Per Foot
Manual Letters	227	Manual Flats	115
Automated Letters	215	Automated Flats	115
Sequenced Letters	227	Sequenced Flats	115

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Survey of Dispatched Mail

Survey of Dispatched Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and Zip+4 ALEXANDER 67513 - 9998
Dates Recorded 02/26/2011 through 03/11/2011

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard		
Sat - 02/26	6	0	2	1	2	1	0	1
Sun - 02/27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 02/28	11	0	2	4	19	5	0	1
Tue - 03/01	24	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Wed - 03/02	18	0	0	1	10	4	0	1
Thu - 03/03	22	0	0	0	6	7	0	1
Fri - 03/04	14	0	0	2	6	1	0	1
Sat - 03/05	5	0	3	0	10	1	0	1
Sun - 03/06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mon - 03/07	38	0	1	0	15	4	0	1
Tue - 03/08	31	0	0	2	2	1	0	1
Wed - 03/09	6	0	0	0	5	0	1	1
Thu - 03/10	17	0	0	0	11	3	0	1
Fri - 03/11	16	1	1	1	2	1	0	1
TOTALS	208	1	9	11	90	28	1	12
Daily Average	17.3	0.1	0.8	0.9	7.5	2.3	0.1	1.0

Signature of Person Making Count: RON REILLY
Printed Name: RON REILLY
Date: 03/15/11

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Survey of Dispatched Mail

Survey of Dispatched Mail
(Record in Pieces)

Post Office Name and ZIP+4: ALEXANDER KS 67513-9998

Dates Recorded: 2/26/11 through 3/11/11

Date	Letters		Flats		Parcels		Other	
	First Class	Standard	First Class	Standard	Priority	Standard	Express	Register
Saturday	6		2	1	2	1		1
Monday	11		2	4	19	5		1
Tuesday	24				2			1
Wednesday	18			1	10	4		1
Thursday	22				6	7		1
Friday	14			2	6	1		1
Saturday	5		3		10	1		1
Monday	38		1		15	4		1
Tuesday	31			2	2	1		1
Wednesday	6				5		1	1
Thursday	17				11	3		1
Friday	16	1	1	1	2	1		1
TOTALS	208	1	9	11	90	28	1	12
Daily Average	17	.08	.75	.92	7.5	2.3	.08	1

Signature of Person Making Count: Pamela K. Spreier

Printed Name: Pamela K. Spreier

Title: OIC



03/08/2011

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER Post Office

Please provide the names and addresses of businesses, religious institutions, civic organizations, and local government offices, and schools that are served by the ALEXANDER Post Office. The list of businesses should include small, part-time and in-home businesses, as well as public institutions, such as schools, police departments, etc; religious institutions and businesses physically located outside the community that use retail services on a routine basis at the ALEXANDER Post Office. Also, please provide the total number of permit mailers and postage meter customers. Indicate in the space below the total number of Post Office box, general, and street delivery customers served by the office. Return all documents to LEANN TVRDY by 03/22/2011. This information will be entered into the official record for public viewing.

Post Office Box	<u>43</u>
General Delivery	<u>0</u>
Rural Route (RR)	<u>0</u>
Highway Contract Route (HCR)	<u>0</u>
Intermediate RR	<u>23</u>
Intermediate HCR	<u>0</u>
City Delivery	<u>0</u>
Total Customers	<u>66</u>

If you have any comments on alternate means of providing services to the ALEXANDER customers, please provide them below:

We have an eBay customer who mails packages 2 or 3 during the day. It would be hard for them to make a trip to another town. We have a customer who receives the EXFC test letters.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leann K. TvrDY".

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator

Comments:

cc: Official Record



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Intermediate HCR	<u>0</u>
City Delivery	<u>0</u>
Total Customers	<u>66</u>

If you have any comments on alternate means of providing services to the ALEXANDER customers, please provide them below:

We have an Ebay Customer who mails packages 2 or 3 times during the day. It would be hard for them to make a trip to another town.

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator

Comments:

We have a customer who receives the EXFC Test letters.

POST

cc: Official Record

Gronny's Junktiques	P.O. Box 8	
Midstate Coop	P.O. Box 114	
Grumbein Salvage	P.O. Box 13	DOCKET: 1352653 - 67513
Limited Methodist Church	P.O. Box 97	ITEM NBR: 13
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Alexander Fire Dept.	P.O. Box 134	
Alexander Golden Keys	P.O. Box 144	
SBars Trucking	P.O. Box 104	
Johnut Valley Community Church	P.O. Box 123	
Westbrook Oil Transport	P.O. Box 135	
Jale Whitton Pumping	P.O. Box 125	
Kirada Ranch Inc	P.O. Box 145	
Jale Schwindt Custom Drilling	1294 Hwy 96	
Schlegel Land & Cattle	1390 CR 100	
Shawalter & Sons Construction	1853 CR 140	
Wiley View Farms	P.O. Box 96	
Edgar Schadel Pumping	2446 380th Ave	
Bannister Farms	1794 CR 120	
Derrick Schlegel ABS Global Inc.	1390 CR 100	
KASBO	2448 380th Ave	
Wind Ridge South LLC	1390 CR 100	

Name

City Clerk
 Dale & Gloria Schmidt
 Paul Moran
 Jeanne & Clifford Kilburn
 Charles Auston
 Ed & Louise Swartz
 Alice Horacek
 D. Gulein
 Harold & Lamia Westbrook
 Pat Hand
 John Stewart/ Connie Conner
 Mark & Enid DeWald
 Rev. Jill Chambers
 Alton & Lavern Huddleton
 Virginia Taylor
 Carolyn Carpenter
 Pam Ferguson
 Granny's Junktiques
 George Crangle
 Twilla Grumbein
 Rebecca Stout
 James Chamberlain

Address

PO BOX 113
 1294 Hwy 96
 1372 Avenue S
 201 Herrman St
 1178 Ave N
 203 Herrman
 Box 131
 PO Box 24
 PO BOX 135
 Box 3
 100 E Williams
 Box 132
 417 N School St
 Box 144
 Box 101
 1524 Hwy 96
 Box 8
 103 School St
 Box 142
 Box 13
 1362 Avenue M
 121 S Topeka

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City	State	Zip
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
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ALEXANDER	KS	67513
NESS CITY	KS	67560
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
ALDEN	KS	67512
ALEXANDER	KS	67513
NESS CITY	KS	67560



02/24/2011

SUBJECT: Possible Discontinuance of Post Office

The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the ALEXANDER Post Office, 67513 - 9998, located in Rush County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please enter your findings in the yellow blocks below. Once complete please click submit. You can print from above. Signatures are captured electronically.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

NBR records of mail theft or vandalism: 0

Comments/Findings:

cc: Official Record



02/23/2011

*Rush County Sheriff
Rush County Courthouse
Lacrosse KS 67548*

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The Postal Service is currently conducting an investigation concerning the possible discontinuance of the ALEXANDER Post Office, 67513 - 9998, located in Rush County. Please search your records for any recent reports of mail theft or vandalism in the area.

Please return your findings in the enclosed envelope. You may use the bottom of this form to report your findings, accompanied by your signature, title, and date.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter

LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

Enclosure: Return Envelope

Nbr records of mail theft or vandalism: 0

Comments/Findings:

No Reports

cc: Official Record

Post Office Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	ALEXANDER	ZIP+4	67513-9998
Congressional District	Kansas 1st	Date	03/17/2011

1. List specific information about the facility, such as structural defects, safety hazards, lack of running water or restrooms (if so, where restrooms are available), security, and other deficiencies or factors to consider.
none
2. Is the facility accessible to persons with disabilities? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Lease terms? 30-day cancellation clause? \$4020 annual thru 10/31/2011 with a 30 day cancellation clause
4. Are suitable alternate quarters available for an independent Post Office? If so, where?
Golden Keys Senior Center
5. List potential CPO sites.
none
6. Are there any postage meter customers or permit mailers? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, please identify them by name and address.
n/a
7. Which career and noncareer employees will be affected and what accommodations will be made for them?
PMR on roles is the OIC at Brownell KS / if office discontinued PMR to be offered opportunity to transfer
8. How is mail received and dispatched at the office and at what times? How will this be affected by discontinuance? Will a collection box be retained? Will a locked pouch be utilized?
mail arrival 0745 & dispatch 1530 via HCR / HCR service would be eliminated if office discontinued / collection box to be removed / no lock pouch Office is an intermediate for RR01 Bazine KS.

How many Post Office boxes are installed?	<u>120</u>
How many Post Office boxes are used?	<u>43</u>
What are the window service hours?	<u>08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 M-F</u>
	<u>08:00 - 09:30 S</u>
What are the lobby hours?	<u>24 hour M-F</u>
	<u>24 hour S</u>
9. Have there been recent cases of mail theft or vandalism reported to the postmaster/OIC? Explain.
none

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10.	What equipment in the Post Office is not owned by the Postal Service (e.g., Post Office Boxes, furniture, safe)?	
	<u>none</u>	
11.	List potential CBU/parcel lockers sites and distances from present Post Office site.	
	<u>none</u>	
12.	Are there any special customer needs? (People who cannot read or write, who cannot drive, who have infirmities or physical handicaps, etc.) How can these people be accommodated?	
	<u>none</u>	
13.	Rural delivery/HCR delivery.	
a.	What is current evaluation?	<u>31 H</u>
b.	Will this change result in the route being overburdened?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If so, what accommodations will be made to adjust the route?	<u>n/a</u>
c.	How many boxes and miles will be added to the route?	<u>43, box 1.00 Miles</u>
d.	What would be the additional annual expense if the route is increased?	<u>6654</u>
e.	What is the one-time cost of CBU/parcel locker installation (if appropriate)?	<u>0</u>
f.	At what time of the day does the carrier begin delivery to the community?	<u>11:00</u>
	Will this delivery time be affected if the office is discontinued? (Y or N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	If so, how?	<u>0</u>
14.	Are the Post Office box fees at the facility that will provide alternative service different from those at the office to be discontinued? If so, how (Cost)? <input type="checkbox"/> More <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same <input type="checkbox"/> Less	
	<u></u>	

Community Survey Sheet

Community Survey Sheet

Post Office Name	<u>ALEXANDER</u>	ZIP+4	<u>67513-9998</u>
Congressional District	<u>Kansas 1st</u>	Date	<u>03/14/2011</u>

1. Incorporated?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Local government provided by:

Alexander KS Mayor & Village Board

Police protection provided by:

Rush County Sheriff

Fire protection provided by:

Alexander Volunteer Fire Dept

School location:

Bazine KS Public

2. What population growth is expected? (Please document your source)

minus 1.73% via USPS zip code demographic report

3. What residential, commercial, or business growth is expected? (Please document your source)

n/a

History. (Are there any special historical events related to the community?)

4. Are there any special community events to consider?

Is the Post Office facility a state or national historic landmark (see ASM 515.23)?

Check with the field real estate office when verification is needed.)

none

5. What is the geographic/economic make-up of the community (e.g., retirees, commuters, self-employed, farmers)?

Ag/Farm related

6. Which nonpostal services are provided by the Post Office (e.g., public bulletin board, school bus stop, community meeting location, voting place, government form distribution center. Do employees of the office offer assistance to senior citizens and handicapped)?

What provisions can be made for these services if the Post Office is discontinued?

Community bulletin board

Highway Contract Route Cost Analysis Form

Highway Contract Route Estimated Cost for Alternative Service

Office Name: ALEXANDER

Office Zip+4: 67513 -9998

District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the route 0 x 3.64 hours per year 0.00

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route 0.00 x 10.40 hours per year 0.00

Total time added to the route 0.00

3. Enter the HCR hourly rate
(Contact Area Manager, Purchasing/Contracting Officer) 0.00

Total additional compensation (HCR hourly rate x total time added to the route) 0.00

Rural Route Cost Analysis Form

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Rural Route Carrier Estimated Cost for Alternative Replacement Service

Office Name: ALEXANDER

Office Zip+4: 67513 -9998

District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

1. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route

43

2. Enter the number of additional miles to be added to the route
Enter the volume factor

1.00

2.95

Total (additional boxes x volume factor) 126.85

3. Enter the number of additional boxes to be added to the rural route

43

Centralized boxes

0.00

x 1.00 Min

0.00

Regular L route boxes

0.00

x 1.82 Min

0.00

Regular Non-L route boxes

43.00

x 2.00 Min

86.00

Total additional box allowance 86.00

4. Enter the number of additional daily miles to be added to the rural route

1.00

x 12 Mileage
Standard

12.00

Total additional minutes per week
(miles carried to two decimal places) 224.85

5. Total additional annual minutes
(additional minutes per week year)

224.85

x 52 Weeks

11,692.20

6. Total additional annual hours
(additional annual minutes/
60 minutes per hour)

11,692.20

/ 60 Minutes

194.87

7. Enter the rural cost per hour (see
national payroll summary report – rural
carrier, consolidated)

34.15

Total Annual Cost (additional annual hours x rural cost per hour) 6,654.81

8. Enter lock pouch allowance (if applicable)

0.00

Total annual cost for alternate service (annual cost minus lock pouch allowance) 6,654.81

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 03/23/2011
2. Post Office Name ALEXANDER		3. State and ZIP + 4 Code KS, 67513-9998		
4. District, Customer Service CENTRAL PLAINS PFC	5. Area, Customer Service WESTERN	6. County Rush	7. Congressional District Kansas 1st	
8. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.		9. PO Emergency Suspension (Reason and Date) No Suspension		10. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service
11. Staffing		12. Hours of Service		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM Vacancy Reason & Date: retired Occupied 11/30/2009 b. <input type="checkbox"/> OIC <input type="checkbox"/> Career <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Career c. Current PM POSITION Level (150)EAS-55 Downgraded from EAS-55 d. No of Clerks- 1 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 1 e. No of Others- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 0		a. Time M-F 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Sat 08:00 - 09:30 Total Window Hours Per Week a. Lobby Time M-F 24 hour Sat 24 hour 31.50 b. EAS Step 1 PM Basic Salary (no Cola) \$ 23025 c. PM Fringe Benefits (33.5% of b.) \$7,713		
13. Number of Customers Served		14. Daily Volume (Pieces)		
a. General Delivery 0 b. P.O. Box 43 c. City Delivery 0 d. Rural Delivery 0 e. Highway Contract Route Box 0 f. Total 43 g. No. Receiving Duplicate Service 0 h. Average No. Daily Transactions 18.20		Types of Mail Received Dispatched a. First-Class 154 17 b. Newspaper 60 1 c. Parcel 4 9 d. Other 0 1 e. Total 218 28 f. No. of Postage Meters 0 g. No. of Permits 0		
Finances a. FY 2008 2009 2010		Receipts \$ 30,399 \$ 23,494 \$ 24,176		
16a. Quarters				
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (if Leased, Expiration Date) 10/31/2011 Annual Lease \$ 4020 30-day cancellation clause? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Evicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if Yes, must vacate by) Located in: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Suitable alternate quarters available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
16b. Explain:				
17. Schools, Churches and Organization in Service Area: No: 4 United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church		19. Administrative/Emanating Office (Proposed): Name BAZINE PO EAS Level 11 Miles Away 9.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 08:00 16:15 SAT 09:30 10:00 Lobby Hours: M-F 24 hour SAT 24 hour PO Boxes Available: 202		
18. Businesses in Service Area: No: 17 Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whitton Pumping Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC		20. Nearest Post Office (if different from above): Name MCCracken PO EAS Level 11 Miles Away 9.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 08:30 16:00 SAT 08:45 09:45 Lobby Hours: M-F 24 hour SAT 24 hour PO Boxes Available: 224		
21. Prepared by				
Printed Name and Title LEANN TVRDY		Signature LEANN TVRDY		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431
PO Discontinuance Coordinator Name LEANN TVRDY		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431		Location OMAHA, NE



A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 19. And the verification of new service type is complete.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/03/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



05/02/11

OIC/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: ALEXANDER Post Office

Enclosed are questionnaires addressed to customers of the ALEXANDER Post Office. I have also enclosed additional copies of the questionnaires for any retail or other customer who wishes to complete one. Please furnish these questionnaires to retail customers upon request. All completed forms should be forwarded to my office by 05/18/11 for further review.

LeAnn Tvrdy
Post Office Review Coordinator
Enclosures



04/05/2011

POSTAL CUSTOMER
ALEXANDER POST OFFICE
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way your postal service is provided. The recommended change is tentative and will not lead to a formal proposal unless we conclude that it will provide a maximum degree of regular and effective service.

The Postmaster at the Alexander Post Office retired on 11/30/2009. The Office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation for the following reasons: Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

Briefly, we would like to provide pickup and delivery of your mail, as well as the sale of stamps and all other customary postal services, by rural route service emanating from the Bazine Post Office.

We estimate that carrier service would cost the Postal Service substantially less than maintaining the Post Office in your community and still provide regular and effective service. Enclosed is information about some of the services available from the carrier. Retail services are also available at the Bazine Post Office, located 9.0 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 08:00 16:15, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 10:00 on Saturday. Post Office box service is available at this location at the same fees.

In addition retail services are also available at the Mc Cracken Post Office, located 9.0 miles away. Hours of service at this office are 08:30 16:00, Monday through Friday, and 08:45 09:45 on Saturday.

I invite you to think about a possible change to rural route service. Please return the enclosed questionnaire by 04/14/2011 using the pre-addressed envelope provided or at the community meeting.

You may, of course, want to discuss this form of service with us before drawing any conclusions. Postal representatives will be at the Alexander Fire Hall on Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm to answer questions and provide information about our service. You may wish to discuss and submit your questionnaire at that time.

If you have any questions, you may call LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

Enclosures:

Questionnaire and return envelope Summary of Post Office Change Regulations,
Carrier delivery information CBU information sheet (when appropriate)



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the ALEXANDER Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☐ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:



- If you have carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4. If you currently receive
3. Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery service will compare to your current service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☐ Shopping

☐ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Date:

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the ALEXANDER Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☒ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

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4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☐ Shopping

☐ Personal needs

☒ Banking LaCrosse, KS

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: Skyy Westbrook City Clerk of City of Alexander

Address: P.O. Box 113 Alexander KS 67513

Telephone: (785) 343-2208

Date: 4-14-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

CITY CLERK

PO BOX 113
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

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In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

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MARK KERSCHEN
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6005 Lockheed Court
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If yes, please explain: _____

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain: _____

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Bob & Gloria Schmidt

Address:

1294 Hwy 96 Alexander, KS 67513

Telephone:

785-343-2354 & 785-731-5699

Date:

4-7-11

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06/27/2011

DALE & GLORIA SCHMIDT

1294 HWY 96
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: Paul Moran

Address: 1372 Ave S

Telephone: 785-343-2317

Date: 4-11-11

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06/27/2011

PAUL MORAN
1372 AVENUE S
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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*Bayne, Paul Carter, LeCroye
Albert*

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If yes, please explain:

*Not as convenient for purchases
otherwise, sure, service is good.*

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Shopping



Personal needs



Banking



Employment



Social needs

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If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Jeanne Clifford Kilburn

Address:

201 Herrman St

Telephone:

785-656-1339

Date:

4-9-2011

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*Because of number of elderly
in town will cause
hardship for them, however
we personally lived in large
city where cluster boxes were
used for years in suburbs.*



06/27/2011

JEANNE & CLIFFORD KILBURN

201 HERRMAN ST
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Charles Auston

Address:

1178 Ave N Alexander, KS 67513

Telephone:

785 343 2215

Date:

04.11.2011

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06/27/2011

CHARLES AUSTON
1178 AVE N
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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Hays, Great Bend

☒ Personal needs

Hays, Great Bend

☒ Banking

La Crosse

☒ Employment

Rush Center

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Ed & Louise Swartz

Address:

PO Box 143 203 Herrman

Telephone:

785-343-1010

Date:

4-14-11

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ED & LOUISE SWARTZ

203 HERRMAN
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If yes, please explain:

sometimes getting updates on neighbors who might be ill or injury

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

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If yes, please explain:

There is only Post Office in our town.

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Great Bend



Personal needs

Ness City, LaCrosse Great Bend



Banking

La Crosse



Employment

retired



Social needs

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Yes

☐ No

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Yes

☒ No

Name:

Alice Horacek

Address:

Box 131

Telephone:

785-343-2308 or cell 785-343-1343

Date:

April 12, 2018

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I read the City Water Well meters every day. I need to mail water samples to Tapeska twice a month and sometimes more than twice. I do not believe that the city would pay mileage to go to another town. Also in the wintertime when road conditions are bad, I would not be able to send them. I only had a small open window time to do this in the afternoons.

If we lose our post office we fear the only thing that would be open is our local Med State Co-Op Station.

Alice Harech
April 12, 2011



06/27/2011

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BOX 131
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Danni Arden

Address:

P.O. Box 24

Telephone:

785-343-2345

Date:

4-7-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

D. GULEIN
PO BOX 24
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

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Sincerely,

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MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Nonpostal Services

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- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

P.O. IS ACCESSABLE, BUT STREET TO SIDEWALK IS NOT.

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

WORK & SHOPPING, BUT NOT ON A DAILY BASIS

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☒ Shopping NESS CITY, GREATBEND OR HAYS

☒ Personal needs HAYS

☒ Banking HAYS

☒ Employment NESS & RUSH COUNTY

☒ Social needs HAYS

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: HAROLD & MALIA WESTBROOK

Address: 301 W. OSBORN AVE. P.O. Box 135

Telephone: 785-343-2208

Date: 4-14-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

HAROLD & LAMIA WESTBROOK
PO BOX 135
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away.

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Nonpostal Services

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

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☒ Personal needs " "

☒ Banking La Crosse

☒ Employment La Crosse

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: Pat Hawn

Address: Rt. 1 - Box 3 Alexander, KS, 67513

Telephone:

Date: 4-8-11

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06/27/2011

PAT HAND

BOX 3
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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If yes, please explain:

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If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

I am in LaCrosse 1-2 X week

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4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping Hays or Great Bend
- ☒ Personal needs Hays or Great Bend
- ☒ Banking LaCrosse and Bazine
- ☒ Employment LaCrosse
- ☒ Social needs different areas

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: John Stewart and Connie Conner

Address: 100 E. Williams, Alexander

Telephone: 785-343-2309

Date: 4-11-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

JOHN STEWART/ CONNIE CONNER
100 E WILLIAMS
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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Shopping

La Crosse, KS



Personal needs

La Crosse, KS



Banking

La Crosse, KS



Employment



Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

Mark & Enid DeWald

Address:

207 E. Kepner Box 132, Alexander KS 667513

Telephone:

785 650 2194

Date:

4/16/2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Small local P. Offices like ours do
serves to check on people who are
elderly &/or ill. We are homeland
security!



06/27/2011

MARK & ENID DEWALD
BOX 132
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

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If yes, please explain:

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If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

I am the pastor of the United Methodist Church in Alexander, but I live in Ness City.

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4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping Shops, Dodge City, Great Bend

☒ Personal needs " " "

☒ Banking " " "

☒ Employment Alexander / Bazine

☒ Social needs Shops, Dodge, Great Bend

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: Rev. Jill Chambers

Address: 417 N. School St. Ness City 67560

Telephone: 785-798-2786

Date: 4/17/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

REV. JILL CHAMBERS
417 N SCHOOL ST
NESS CITY, KS 67560

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If yes, please explain:

Several Sen. citizens with disabilities that needs assistance

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

But they are miles away

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

☒ ^{Not}
Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain: We got it earlier because we can pick it up. The other way it will be much later.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☐ Shopping La Crosse, Great Bend or Hayes.
- ☐ Personal needs Same as above
- ☐ Banking La Crosse
- ☐ Employment Retired
- ☐ Social needs We have a Senior Center here

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: Alton and La Verne Middleton

Address: 103 W. Kesper P.O. Box 144

Telephone: 785-343-2237

Date: 4-15-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

ALTON & LAVERN HUDDLETON
BOX 144
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away.

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Sincerely,

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MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ Just as Good

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☐ Worse

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☒ Shopping

Great Bend Ks.

☐ Personal needs

Great Bend Ks.

☐ Banking

La Crosse Ks.

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Virginia E. Taylor

Address:

401 Main P.O. Box 101

Telephone:

785-343-2384

Date:

4-12-11

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06/27/2011

VIRGINIA TAYLOR
BOX 101
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

When I'm in lots of pain postal person comes to my vehicle to take my mail

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ Just as Good

☒ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

I'm on another route. I mail my important mail from Alexander, is only 2 1/2 miles verses 9 1/2 to Rush Center. During winter when its icy & snow packed I'm unable to go get my mail.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?



Shopping

La Crosse, Alexander, Rush Center



Personal needs



Banking



Employment



Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

maybe - Midstate Co-op

Name:

Carolyn S. Carpenter

Address:

1524 Hwy 96 Nekoma, KS. 67559

Telephone:

785-372-4262

Date:

4-9-2011

Mail service has become very hard for me since I don't have Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

mail box at my residence - drive way. I have to drive 2 1/2 miles now to get my mail since Nekoma P.O. closed. My box is near hwy. 96 so I will not leave important mail there or leave packages to be mailed in Nekoma. When I receive a package that is too large for my box I have to meet carrier there to pick it up. Its very inconvenient as delivery time will, very a little. They call me so I can be there in time. I am a senior & handicapped. I need Alexander P.O. that is closer to send my mail & packages as I



06/27/2011

CAROLYN CARPENTER

1524 HWY 96
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.

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MARK KERSCHEN
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6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



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Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☐ NO
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Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☒ YES ☐ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☐ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping

Great Bend - only a couple times a month

☒ Personal needs

Great Bend - only a couple times a month

☒ Banking

Great Bend La Crosse - only a few times a month

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name: *Pam Ferguson*

Address: *103 Scherbo route 1 box 8*

Telephone: *785 343 2260*

Date: *4-7-2011*

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

PAM FERGUSEN

BOX 8
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☒ YES ☐ NO
- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ YES ☒ NO

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☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☒ Worse

If yes, please explain:

I mail many packages daily and it will be a major problem to drive to Bayfield or McCracken

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping

☒ Personal needs

☒ Banking

☐ Employment

☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Name:

Dionna Jumbetigues

Address:

route 1 box 8 103 school st

Telephone:

785-343-2260

Date:

4-7-2011

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

The postmaster here is very conscientious and always goes the extra mile to help people - many times she has even helped me carry in my packages. I see the note mention picking up of packages at the mail box but I sometimes have 20' and can't imagine safely leaving them.

This community has a large number of senior citizens who would find it a hardship making it to another post office. Basically this is such a small town that the post office is the hub of the community,

Pam Ferguson
Granny's Intergies



06/27/2011

GRANNY'S JUNKTIQUES

103 SCHOOL ST
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

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Other Postal Services

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Nonpostal Services

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- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board ☐ YES ☒ NO

- e. Other ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

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☐ Just as Good

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☐ Worse

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- ☒ Personal needs Same as Above & occasionally Wichita
- ☒ Banking Hays
- ☐ Employment
- ☐ Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☐ No

The sole Community "business" is the Co-Op.

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Name: George Crangle

Address: P.O. Box 142 / 301 E. Williams Av.

Telephone: 785.343.2226

Date: 4/08/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

GEORGE CRANGLE

BOX 142
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board

☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other

☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

upcoming things in community. To tell about

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☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

maybe once a week

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Shopping

La Crosse or Neshota City



Personal needs



Banking



Employment

Retired



Social needs

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?



Yes



No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?



Yes



No

Name:

Livella Grumbein

Address:

Box 13 Alexander KS 67513

Telephone:

785-343-2378

Date:

4-8-11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

TWILLA GRUMBEIN

BOX 13
ALDEN, KS 67512

Dear Postal Service Customer:

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Sincerely,

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MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500



Postal Service Customer Questionnaire

1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate whether you use the ALEXANDER Post Office for each of the following:

Postal Services

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Never
a. Buying Stamps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Mailing Letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Mailing Parcels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Pick up Post Office box mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Pick up general delivery mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Buying money orders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Obtaining special services, including Certified Mail, Registered Mail, Insured Mail, Delivery Confirmation, or Signature Confirmation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Sending Express Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Buying stamp-collecting material	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other Postal Services

- a. Entering permit mailings ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Resetting/using postage meter ☐ YES ☒ NO

Nonpostal Services

- a. Picking up government forms (such as tax forms) ☐ YES ☒ NO
- b. Using for school bus stop ☐ YES ☒ NO
- c. Assisting senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc. ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- d. Using public bulletin board

☒ YES ☐ NO

- e. Other

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

2. Do you pass another Post Office during business hours while traveling to or from work, or shopping, or for personal needs?

☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, please explain:

- If you previously/currently received carrier delivery, there will be no change to your delivery service — proceed to question 4.
3. If you previously received Post Office box service or general delivery service, complete this section. How do you think carrier route delivery or PO Box service will compare to your previous service?

☐ Better

☐ Just as Good

☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain:

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

☒ Shopping

Harp

☒ Personal needs

Harp LaCross

☐ Banking

☐ Employment

☒ Social needs

Harp, LaCross, Ness City

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☒ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name:

Rebecca Stout

Address:

1362 Avenue M Alexander, KS

Telephone:

398 1213

Date:

4/7/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

REBECCA STOUT
1362 AVENUE M
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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Other Postal Services

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
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| b. Resetting/using postage meter | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |

Nonpostal Services

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|---|------------------------------|--|
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If yes, please explain:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|--|
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| e. Other | <input type="checkbox"/> YES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO |

If yes, please explain:

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☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, please explain:

GENERALLY USE NESS CITY POST OFFICE FOR ALL POSTAL DEALINGS.

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☐ Better

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☐ No Opinion

☐ Worse

If yes, please explain: CURRENTLY PICK UP OUT OF POST OFFICE BOX.

4. For which of the following do you leave your community? (Check all that apply.) Where do you go to obtain these services?

- ☒ Shopping NESS CITY
- ☒ Personal needs NESS CITY
- ☒ Banking NESS CITY / GREAT BEND
- ☒ Employment NESS CITY
- ☒ Social needs NESS CITY

5. Do you currently use local businesses in the community?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, would you continue to use them if the Post Office is discontinued?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Name: JAMES G CHAMBERLAIN

Address: 121 S. TOPEKA AVE, NESS CITY KS 67560

Telephone: 785-798-2160

Date: 4/27/11

Please add any additional comments on a separate piece of paper and attach it to this form. Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.



06/27/2011

JAMES CHAMBERLAIN

121 S TOPEKA
NESS CITY, KS 67560

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6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

Nancy Coddington-Romine
2171 Morningside Dr.
Emporia, KS 66801

Mark Kerschen
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE 68119-9500

Dear Mr. Kerschen,

I lived in the Alexander community for many years. I have always supported the Alexander Post Office, by sending checks there to purchase my stamps.

I am aware of the decline in population during the past years; the closing of the school, then the closing of the Alexander State Bank, the grocery store and café. Even with these changes, the people of Alexander and the community have been very hard working and dedicated to their rural community.

I know that several of the residents are in their 70's and 80's. I believe that one woman may be in her 90's. I think that it is very difficult for these women to drive to McCracken or Bazine in order to mail a package.

As far as the younger population, the people in their 40's, 50's, or 60's. I know that they are more mobile and many work out of the Alexander community. I ask that you think about them, as they get older and retire. Will it be easy for them to travel to Bazine or McCracken?

I am very sad that rural pickup and delivery of the mail is being considered for the people of the city of Alexander and I oppose that decision.

Nancy Coddington-Romine



07/12/2011

NANCY CODDINGTON-ROMINE
2171 MORNINGSIDE DR
EMPORIA, KS 66801

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for returning your questionnaire concerning the proposed discontinuance of the Alexander Post Office. Your comments, along with others received, will be included in the official record and considered carefully before further action is taken.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about the services available from the rural carrier. The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

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Postal Service Customer Questionnaire Analysis

Questionnaires were distributed to all delivery customers of the ALEXANDER Post Office on 04/05/2011. Additionally, during the survey period, questionnaires were available at the ALEXANDER Post Office to walk-in retail customers.

1. Number of Questionnaires

Total questionnaires distributed	84
Favorable to proposal	0
Unfavorable to proposal	10
Expressing no opinion	15
Total questionnaires received	25

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (No Opinion): No Concern

Response:

2. Concern (Unfavorable):

Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community

Response:

You expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located _____ miles away.

Concern (Unfavorable):

3. Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to adminoffice Post Office to pick up their mail

Response:

You expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.

4. Concern (Unfavorable):

Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service

Response:

You expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

5. Concern (Unfavorable):

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

You expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

6. Concern (Unfavorable):

Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response:

You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to . Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

7. Concern (Unfavorable):

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Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

Community Meeting Roster

Postal Service Representative (Names and Titles):

MARK KERSCHEN MPD F
DOROTHY BRYAN POD COORD for MPD F

Date: 04/14/2011
Time: 7:00PM

Total Number of Customers Present: 27

Place: Fire Hall
ALEXANDER KS 67513

This document may become a part of the official record that will be available for public viewing.

Names of Customers Present:

Name	Mailing Address (optional)	Zip Code	Phone Number
Mark DeWald	Box 132, Alexander	67513	785 650 2194
Enid DeWald	Box 132 Alexander	67513	785 650 2194
Alton Huddleston	Box 144 Alexander	67513	785-343-2237
Keith Schwinck	PO Box 112 Alexander KS	67513	785-343-2219
Judith Schwinck	PO Box 112 Alexander KS	67513	785-343-2219
Kurt Schwinck	PO Box 103 Alexander KS	67513	785-343-2228
David Schwinck	PO Box 112	67513	785-343-2228
Marie Whitton	306 W. 15th Ave PO Box 135 Alexander	67513	785-343-2208
Shirley Whitton	306 W. 15th Ave P.O. Box 135 Alexander	67513	785-343-2208
Tulla Drumbein	206 King PO Box 13 Alexander	67513	785-343-2378
Edward D. Swartz	P.O. Box 143 Alexander	67513	785-343-2284
Janice Swartz	PO Box 143 Alexander	67513	785-343-2284
Lisa Whitton	PO Box 125 Alexander	67513	785 343-2331
Lyle E. Whitton	P.O. Box 125 Alexander	67513	785-343-2331
Carolyn Carpenter	1524 Hwy 96 Nekoma	67559	785-372-4262
William K Blake	PO Box 6 BURDET KS	67523	620-525-1800
Myrla Wilhelm	Rural Carrier		
Pamela Swartz	OIC		785-372-4460
Paul Moran	1372 ave S Alexander KS	67513	785-343-2317

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Postal Service Customer Community Meeting Analysis

(categorize customer concerns as postal or nonpostal and provide the Postal Service response for each.)

Postal Concerns

1. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer inquired about where to place curb line box.
Response:
You expressed a concern over placing a curb line box. The administrative Postmaster will establish a line of travel and notification will be mailed to you.
2. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer stated that St John KS was a distance to travel.
Response:
The customer stated that St John KS was listed as the administrative office. The record has been corrected to reflect Stafford KS is the administrative office.
3. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer questioned who decides what type of delivery is provided, ie curbside or curb. Who is responsible for upkeep?
Response:
You expressed a concern about delivery type. The MPOO and the administrative Postmaster will address the issue if the study continues.
4. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer inquired to status on Saturday delivery.
Response:
You expressed concerns about the status of Saturday delivery. Currently the USPS is committed to six day delivery.
5. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels
Response:
You expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.
6. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community
Response:
You expressed a concern about the loss of employment in the community. The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.
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8. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
Response:
You expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
9. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customer inquired about closing services on Saturday.
Response:
Currently the Postal Service is committed to six day delivery week.
Concern (UnFavorable):

Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

You expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

11. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

You expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. The proposed change of the ZIP Code is necessary due to 911 addressing requirements.

12. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response:

You expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.

13. Concern (UnFavorable):

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

You expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

14. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing

Response:

You expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.

15. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customers were concerned about a change of address

Response:

You expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.

16. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox

Response:

You also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.

17. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance

Response:

You questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.

18. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customers were concerned about senior citizens

Response:

You expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or CBUs. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

19. Concern (UnFavorable):

Customer inquired about the if the collection box would remain.

Response:

You expressed a concern about the status of the collection box. Generally the collection box is removed with CBU

installations because the CBU's have collection units built into the units.

20. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customer inquired about the time frame on water samples.

Response:

Water samples have a 24 hour time frame mandated by the state. The rural carrier will maintain collections in the community and this will not be an issue.

21. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes

Response:

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22. **Concern (UnFavorable):**
Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

You were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

Nonpostal Concerns



04/05/2011

As the Postal Service manager responsible for all Post Offices in your area, I would like your opinion concerning a possible change in the way postal services are provided. Our tentative plans will only lead to a formal proposal if we are satisfied that a maximum degree of regular and effective service can be provided.

If you would like an opportunity to discuss alternatives with us, a postal representative will be at Alexander Fire Hall on 04/14/2011 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm to answer questions and provide information about our service.

If you have any questions, you may contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations



A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: Rush
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 27. There was not a petition recieved.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 05/03/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406



A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: RUSH
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 28. There was no Congressional inquiry.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 12/12/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

Proposal Checklist

Section I

Responsiveness to Community Postal Needs

Tell what we are doing and why.

Is reason for discontinuance justified and documented in the record?

If suspended, what type of alternate service customers are now receiving?

Reason for vacancy and information on postmaster/OIC

Number of customers and type of service they received and will receive.

Hours of service, daily window transaction average, number of permit mailers, and postage meter users.

Last three fiscal years of revenue and revenue units.

Decline in service workload/reduction in EAS level, if appropriate.

Nearest Post Office, office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

Administrative/emanating office — office level, miles away, hours of service, number of Post Office boxes available.

If the nearby/administrative Post Office has a different Post Office box fee schedule, this is stated in the proposal.

Preproposal activities — questionnaires: number of favorable, unfavorable and no opinion responses must equal the total number of questionnaires returned. List customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Community meeting. Number of customers who attended, customer concerns, and Postal Service responses.

Information on petitions and congressional inquiries included with Postal Service responses.

Revised proposal states dates and locations the proposal was posted for 60 days. Number of comments received, customer concerns and Postal Service responses.

Advantages and disadvantages of proposed alternate service.

Any other pertinent information concerning Postal Service needs.

Section II

Effect on the Community

Brief background of area, community government, population, etc.

Number of businesses, religious institutions, schools, local government offices, social organizations, etc.

Was Post Office used as meeting place?

Was Post Office a shelter for a bus stop?

Did the Post Office have a public bulletin board?

Were government forms available at the Post Office?

Did the Post Office provide assistance to senior citizens, persons with disabilities, etc.?

What is the historical value of the office?

Is an address change necessary?

Will the community identity be preserved?

What are the growth trends (flat, up, down)?

Were any other nonpostal items identified?

Section III

Effect on Employees

Paragraph explaining about postmaster vacancy/OIC/other career and noncareer employees of the office. If a postmaster or other employees are reassigned this must be explained and tell whether the reassignments are voluntary.

Section IV

Economic Savings

A statement of annual savings includes a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster salary (EAS-55, Minimum, no COLA)

Fringe benefits 33.5%

Rental costs, excluding utilities

Total annual costs

Less estimated cost of replacement service

Total annual savings

\$	23025
\$	7713
\$	4020
\$	34758
-	6654
\$	28104

A one-time expense of \$ _____ will be/was incurred for installation of CBUs and parcel lockers.

Is postmaster salary based on the minimum salary without COLA?

Does postmaster salary reflect the current office evaluation?

Section V

Other Factors

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration (if appropriate).

List other factors as appropriate.

Other factors when replacement service is a CPO.

Section VI

Summary

The proposal must include a brief summary that explains why the closing or consolidation is necessary and an assessment of how those factors supporting the need for change outweigh any negative factors. In taking competing considerations into account, the need to provide a maximum degree of effective and regular service must be paramount.

Section VII

Notices

Appropriate notice is made that this is a proposal and not a final determination. If a final determination is made to discontinue the office, information on the appeal process will be provided at that time.

Checklist Completed By:

Investigative Coordinator

Date

Reviewed and Certified By:

District PO Review Coordinator

Date

07-12-2011

12/1/2011



07/12/2011

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 10804
WASHINGTON DC 20260-3500

SUBJECT: Posting of the Proposal to Close
the ALEXANDER Post Office
Docket No. 1352653

This is to advise you that on 07/20/2011, I will post for public comment a proposal to close the ALEXANDER Post Office in Rush, Congressional District No. Kansas 1st.

If you have any questions, please call LEANN TVRDY District Review Coordinator at (402) 930-4431.

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RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

cc: Manager, Customer Service Operations
Area Manager, Public Affairs and Communications

Enclosures: PS Form 4920
Proposal



OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of
ALEXANDER Proposal
Docket No. 1352653 - 67513

Please post the enclosed proposal to close the ALEXANDER Post Office in the lobby. The proposal must be posted in a prominent place from 07/20/2011 through close of business on 09/20/2011. The posting must last at least 60 days and the first day does not count.

Round-date stamp the cover of the proposal on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Also, post the "Invitation for Comments" next to the proposal and round-date stamp it in the same manner.

Additional copies of the proposal and comment forms are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record on which this proposal is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in AS-353 Guide to Privacy and the Freedom of Information Act. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address, and telephone number and contact the district for a copy of the record.

At the expiration of the posting period, further instructions will be provided. If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

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LEANN TVRDY
Post Office Review Coordinator
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC District

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Date of Posting: 07/20/2011

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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

To the customers of the Alexander Post Office:

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Please return the comment form to:

LEANN TVRDY
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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MARK KERSCHEN
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
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5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

6. **Concern:**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

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Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

8. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.

9. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about closing services on Saturday.

Response:

Currently the Postal Service is committed to six day delivery week.

10. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about the if the collection box would remain.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the status of the collection box. Generally the collection box is removed with CBU installations because the CBU's have collection units built into the units.

11. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about where to place curb line box.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern over placing a curb line box. The administrative Postmaster will establish a line of travel and notification will be mailed to you.

12. **Concern:** Customer inquired to status on Saturday delivery.
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- Response:** The customer expressed concerns about the status of Saturday delivery. Currently the USPS is committed to six day delivery.
13. **Concern:** Customer questioned who decides what type of delivery is provided, ie curblin or cbu. Who is responsible for upkeep?
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about delivery type. The MPOO and the administrative Postmaster will address the issue if the study continues.
14. **Concern:** Customer stated that St John KS was a distance to travel.
- Response:** The customer stated that St John KS was listed as the administrative office. The record has been corrected to reflect Stafford KS is the administrative office.
15. **Concern:** Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.
16. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
17. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
- Response:** The customer questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.
18. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.
19. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. Your zip code will not change.
20. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

21. Concern:

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Response:

The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Alexander is an incorporated community located in Rush County. The community is administered politically by Alexander KS Mayor & Village Board. Police protection is provided by the Rush County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Alexander Volunteer Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Ag/Farm related, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church, Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whitton Pumpong Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Alexander Post Office will be available at the Bazine Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Bazine Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens
Response: The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox
Response: The customer also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.
3. **Concern:** Customer inquired about the time frame on water samples.
Response: Water samples have a 24 hour time frame mandated by the state. The rural carrier will maintain collections in the community and this will not be an issue.

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5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the loss of employment in the community. The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 28,104 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 23,025
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 7,713
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 4,020</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 34,758
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 6,654</u>
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V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

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The Alexander Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 43 PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 18. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$28,104 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

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VII. NOTICES

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The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/20/2011
Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the ALEXANDER Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
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09/16/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

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A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: RUSH
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 36. The round dated copies of the proposal have been received.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy Date: 09/29/2011
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431 Fax No: (402) 930-4406

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Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

6. **Concern:**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

7. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to 1/4 mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

8. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.

9. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about closing services on Saturday.

Response:

Currently the Postal Service is committed to six day delivery week.

10. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about the if the collection box would remain.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the status of the collection box. Generally the collection box is removed with CBU installations because the CBU's have collection units built into the units.

11. **Concern:**

Customer inquired about where to place curb line box.

Response:

The customer expressed a concerning over placing a curb line box. The administrative Postmaster will establish a line of travel and notification will be mailed to you.

12. **Concern:** Customer inquired to status on Saturday delivery.
- Response:** The customer expressed concerns about the status of Saturday delivery. Currently the USPS is committed to six day delivery.
13. **Concern:** Customer questioned who decides what type of delivery is provided, ie curblane or cbu. Who is responsible for upkeep?
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about delivery type. The MPOO and the administrative Postmaster will address the issue if the study continues.
14. **Concern:** Customer stated that St John KS was a distance to travel.
- Response:** The customer stated that St John KS was listed as the administrative office. The record has been corrected to reflect Stafford KS is the administrative office.
15. **Concern:** Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.
16. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
17. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
- Response:** The customer questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.
18. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.
19. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. Your zip code will not change.
20. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels

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Response:

The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

21. Concern:

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

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Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBU's can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Alexander is an incorporated community located in Rush County. The community is administered politically by Alexander KS Mayor & Village Board. Police protection is provided by the Rush County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Alexander Volunteer Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Ag/Farm related, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church, Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whittom Pumpong Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Alexander Post Office will be available at the Bazine Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Bazine Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens
Response: The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox
Response: The customer also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.
3. **Concern:** Customer inquired about the time frame on water samples.
Response: Water samples have a 24 hour time frame mandated by the state. The rural carrier will maintain collections in the community and this will not be an issue.

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4. **Concern:**

Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes

Response:

The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the loss of employment in the community. The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 28,104 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 23,025
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 7,713
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 4,020</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 34,758
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 6,654</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 28,104</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Alexander Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 43 PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 18. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$28,104 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Alexander Post Office, Mc Cracken Post Office and Bazine Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/20/2011
Date



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SWORN AFFIDAVIT

MEMO TO THE RECORD: ABSENCE OF ROUND-DATE STAMP

SUBJECT: ABSENCE OF ROUND-DATE STAMP ON PROPOSAL TO CLOSE

ALEXANDER KS
1352653-67513

I, Patricia Showalter (Printed Name), Postmaster (Title),
hereby sign and acknowledge by this sworn affidavit. I posted in my office for 60 days the Proposal to
Close for ALEXANDER KS 1352653-67513.

Patricia Showalter
Signature

Dec 2 2011
Date

Marilyn Wilhelm
Witness Signature

Dec. 2 2011
Date

Round-Date Stamp



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UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE



To the customers of the Alexander Post Office:

The Postal Service is considering the close of the Alexander Post Office for reasons stated in the accompanying proposal.

During the 60-day posting period from 07/20/2011 through 09/20/2011 you are invited to provide written comments. Comments will be most helpful if they offer specific opinions and information favorable or unfavorable regarding the potential effect of the proposed change on postal services and on the community. Your comments will be carefully considered and will be incorporated into the official record, which will be made public if the proposal is finalized.

Copies of the proposal and optional comment forms are available upon request at the Alexander Post Office, Mc Cracken Post Office and Bazine Post Office. If you choose to use the optional comment form and need additional space, please attach additional sheets of paper.

Please return the comment form to:

LEANN TVRDY
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

For more information, you may call LEANN TVRDY at (402) 930-4431 or write to the above address.

Thank you for your assistance.

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**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 09/20/2011

Postal Customers of the Alexander Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Alexander Post Office, which was posted 07/20/2011 through 09/20/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service, that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Alexander Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Kerschen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Kerschen" clearly distinguishable.

MARK KERSCHEN
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the ALEXANDER Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

We are a community of older people and to have to drive 8 miles for Postal service is impossible for many of us to drive any more. It just seems like the little places are being forced out of any convenience. I wouldn't trade our small community for any big "bustling City". It is very quiet and we have very few problems. What would happen if mail is taken out of our boxes?

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It is a very friendly place to meet others of our community to catch up on what is happening and how people are getting along. Our bank has been taken away and our school was closed as also our grocery store closed - and now our Post Office is about to close - so what is left?? We have gotten along real well without a Post Master - The present OIC has been very efficient and very well liked. We will really miss her.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I think the postal service could save a lot of money by not printing a bunch of different stamps all the time.

Alton Huddleston

Name of Postal Customer

Alton Huddleston

Signature of Postal Customer

103 W. Kepner

Mailing Address

Alexander, Kansas 67513

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-27-11

Date





08/03/2011

ALTON HUDDLESTON
103 W KEPNER
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments to the proposal to close the Alexander Post Office. Your comments are appreciated and will be carefully considered, along with the comments of other customers, as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels of the Postal Service.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern that the Postal Service exhibits a lack of interest in the mailing needs of the community. The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

I realize with change there is always concern. However we are confident that the alternate service listed in the proposal will continue to provide you with effective and regular service.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact LeAnn Tvrdy at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

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Mark Kerschen
Manager, Post Office Operations
6005 Lockheed Court
Omaha, NE, 68119-9500

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I live in the country and I already have to drive several miles to a Post office, now I will have to drive further yet. Very unfavorable!!

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

It is the only thing left in our town.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

I believe there are other ways you could save more money

Paul Moran

Name of Postal Customer

Paul Moran

Signature of Postal Customer

1372 Avenue S

Mailing Address

Alexander KS 67513

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-27-11

Date





08/03/2011

PAUL MORAN
1372 AVEUE S
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about having to travel to another Post Office for service. Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

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Convenience -

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

*Should have made cost effect
moves — — 20 year ago!!*

Joanne Telburn

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

PO Box 103

Mailing Address

Alexander, KS

City, State, and ZIP Code

67513

Date





08/03/2011

JEANNE KELBURN
PO BOX 103
ALEXANDER, KS 67513

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A. Office

Name: ALEXANDER State: KS Zip Code: 67513
Area: WESTERN District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
Congressional District: Kansas 1st County: RUSH
EAS Grade: 55 Finance Number: 190165
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

Prepared by: LeAnn Tvrdy
Title: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (402) 930-4431

Date: 09/29/2011
Fax No: (402) 930-4406

Analysis of 60-Day Posting Comments

Number of comments returned

Total questionnaires distributed	3
Favorable comments	0
Unfavorable comments	2
No opinion expressed	1
Total comments returned	3

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

- Concern (Unfavorable):**
Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:
The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.
- Concern (Unfavorable):**
Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response:
Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.
- Concern (Unfavorable):**
No Concern

Response:

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed



Alexander KS 67513

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The nearest office, McCracken KS (9.0 miles) was corrected to Bazine KS, which was also selected as the administrative office.

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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE
(REVISED)

DOCKET NUMBER 1352653 - 67513

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

The Alexander Post Office, an EAS-55 level, provides service from 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Monday - Friday, 08:00 - 09:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 24 hour on Monday - Friday and 24 hour on Saturday to 43 post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 18 transaction(s) accounting for 20 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$30,399 (79 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,494 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$24,176 (63 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Alexander Fire Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 27 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 05, 2011, 84 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Alexander Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Alexander Post Office. 25 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 10 unfavorable, and 15 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Bazine Post Office, an EAS-11 level office. Window service hours at the Bazine Post Office are from 08:00 16:15, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 202 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

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|--------------------|--|
| 1. Concern: | Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to adminoffice Post Office to pick up their mail |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster. |
| 3. Concern: | Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service |

Response:

The customer expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

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Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

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Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

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Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

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Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.
11. **Concern:** Customer inquired about closing services on Saturday.
- Response:** Currently the Postal Service is committed to six day delivery week.
12. **Concern:** Customer inquired about the if the collection box would remain.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the status of the collection box. Generally the collection box is removed with CBU installations because the CBU's have collection units built into the units.
13. **Concern:** Customer inquired about where to place curb line box.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concerning over placing a curb line box. The administrative Postmaster will establish a line of travel and notification will be mailed to you.
14. **Concern:** Customer inquired to status on Saturday delivery.
- Response:** The customer expressed concerns about the status of Saturday delivery. Currently the USPS is committed to six day delivery.
15. **Concern:** Customer questioned who decides what type of delivery is provided, ie curbline or cbu. Who is responsible for upkeep?
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about delivery type. The MPOO and the administrative Postmaster will address the issue if the study continues.
16. **Concern:** Customer stated that St John KS was a distance to travel.
- Response:** The customer stated that St John KS was listed as the administrative office. The record has bee corrected to reflect Stafford KS is the administrative office.
17. **Concern:** Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.
18. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
19. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
- Response:** The customer questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savinas.

20. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.
21. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. Your zip code will not change.
22. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.
23. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier
- Response:** The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBU's can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Alexander is an incorporated community located in RUSH County. The community is administered politically by Alexander KS Mayor & Village Board. Police protection is provided by the Rush County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Alexander Volunteer Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Ag/Farm related, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church, Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whitton Pumping Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Alexander Post Office will be available at the Bazine Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Bazine Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens
Response: The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
2. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox
Response: The customer also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.
3. **Concern:** Customer inquired about the time frame on water samples.
Response: Water samples have a 24 hour time frame mandated by the state. The rural carrier will maintain collections in the community and this will not be an issue.

4. **Concern:**

Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes

Response:

The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about loss of employment in the community

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the loss of employment in the community. The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 28,104 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 23,025
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 7,713
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 4,020</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 34,758
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 6,654</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 28,104</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Alexander Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 43 PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 18. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$28,104 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Alexander Post Office, Mc Cracken Post Office and Bazine Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



MARK KERSCHEN
Manager, Post Office Operations

07/20/2011
Date

U.S. Postal Service POST OFFICE CLOSING OR CONSOLIDATION PROPOSAL Fact Sheet				1. Date Prepared 06/02/2011
2. Post Office Name ALEXANDER		3. State and ZIP + 4 Code KS, 67513-9998		
4. District, Customer Service CENTRAL PLAINS PFC	5. Area, Customer Service WESTERN	6. County RUSH	7. Congressional District Kansas 1st	
8. Reason for Proposal to Discontinue Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.		9. PO Emergency Suspension (Reason and Date) No Suspension		10. Proposed Permanent Alternate Service
11. Staffing		12. Hours of Service		
a. <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM Vacancy Reason & Date: retired Occupied 11/30/2009 b. <input type="checkbox"/> OIC <input type="checkbox"/> Career <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Career c. Current PM POSITION Level (150) EAS-55 Downgraded from EAS-55 d. No of Clerks- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 1 e. No of Others- 0 No of Career- 0 No of Non-Career- 0		a. Time M-F 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Sat 08:00 - 09:30 Total Window Hours Per Week a. Lobby Time M-F 24 hour Sat 24 hour 31.50 b. EAS Step 1 PM Basic Salary (no Cola) \$ 23025 c. PM Fringe Benefits (33.5% of b.) \$7,713		
13. Number of Customers Served		14. Daily Volume (Pieces)		
a. General Delivery 0 b. P.O. Box 43 c. City Delivery 0 d. Rural Delivery 23 e. Highway Contract Route Box 0 f. Total 66 g. No. Receiving Duplicate Service 0 h. Average No. Daily Transactions 18.20		Types of Mail Received Dispatched a. First-Class 154 17 b. Newspaper 60 1 c. Parcel 4 9 d. Other 0 1 e. Total 218 28 f. No. of Postage Meters 0 g. No. of Permits 0		
Finances a. FY 2008 2009 2010		Receipts \$ 30,399 \$ 23,494 \$ 24,176		
16a. Quarters				
<input type="checkbox"/> Postal Owned <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leased (if Leased, Expiration Date) 10/31/2011 Annual Lease \$ 4020 30-day cancellation clause? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Evicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (if Yes, must vacate by) Located in: <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Suitable alternate quarters available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
16b. Explain:				
17. Schools, Churches and Organization in Service Area: No: 4 United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church		19. Administrative/Emanating Office (Proposed): Name BAZINE EAS Level 11 Miles Away 9.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 08:00 16:15 SAT 09:30 10:00 Lobby Hours: M-F 24 hour SAT 24 hour PO Boxes Available: 202		
18. Businesses in Service Area: No: 17 Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whitton Pumping Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC		20. Nearest Post Office (if different from above): Name BAZINE EAS Level 11 Miles Away 9.0 Window Service Hours: M-F 08:30 16:00 SAT 08:45 09:45 Lobby Hours: M-F 24 hour SAT 24 hour PO Boxes Available: 224		
21. Prepared by				
Printed Name and Title RON REILLY		Signature RON REILLY		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431
PO Discontinuance Coordinator Name LEANN TVRDY		Telephone No. AC () (402) 930-4431		Location OMAHA, NE



09/29/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
ALEXANDER
Docket Number 1352653 - 67513

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

RICK PIVOVAR
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code: ALEXANDER, KS, 67513-9998

EAS Level: 55

District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

County: RUSH

Congressional District: Kansas 1st

Proposal: ☒ Close ☐ Consolidate

Reason For Proposed: retired

Alternate Service Proposed: Rural Route Service

Customers Affected:

Post Office Box: 43

General Delivery: 0

Rural Route: 0

Highway Contract Route (HCR): 0

City Route: 0

Intermediate Rural: 0

Intermediate HCR: 0

Total number of customers: 43

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
11/30/2009	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: retired
	OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 1 Other Employees: 0
02/04/2011	District manager authorization to study.
04/05/2011	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 84 Number Returned: 25 Analysis: Favorable 0 Unfavorable 10 No Opinion 15
	Petition received. Number of signatures: 0 Concerns expressed: n/a
	Congressional inquiry received: No Concerns expressed: n/a
07/12/2011	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
07/12/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
07/12/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
09/29/2011	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated. Comment Analysis: Favorable 0 Unfavorable 2 No Opinion 1 3
None	Premature PRC appeal received. Concerns expressed: n/a
06/02/2011	Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
09/29/2011	Certification of the official record.
10-7-11	District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.
10-11-11	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
-	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
-	Record returned as not warranted.
10-28-11	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
11-29-11	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
12-1-11	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal: Affirmed: _____ Remanded: _____ USPS Withdrawn: _____
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: _____ Effective date: _____

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

LEANN TVRDY
 Name/Title
LEANN TVRDY
 District Post Office Review Coordinator

(402) 930-4431
 Telephone Number
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10/07/2011

VICE PRESIDENT, DELIVERY AND POST OFFICE OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA ROOM 5621
WASHINGTON DC 20260-5621

SUBJECT: Official Record

Enclosed for your review and approval is the official record to discontinue the Alexander Post Office.

All appropriate actions have been taken, and we have considered the concerns/comments of affected customers. The record has been thoroughly reviewed, and all necessary documentation is included. All documents in the record are numbered and contain docket and item numbers on each page and a chronological index of all documents in the record is included. Effective and regular service will be provided to community residents by permanently implementing the alternative service proposed.

Refer questions about this Post Office discontinuance to LeAnn Tvrdy, Post Office Review Coordinator, at (402) 930-4431 or Lori Kelsey Manager Post Office Operations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rick Pivovar".

RICK PIVOVAR
DISTRICT MANAGER
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

Enclosures:

One copy of record (<http://hqcsopps.usps.gov/public/dis/4E/P1352653.pdf>)
Headquarters acknowledgment of receipt of official record (optional)
Self-addressed envelope

cc: Vice President, WESTERN Area (no enclosures)

Headquarters Acknowledgment of Receipt of Official Record

The official record to consolidate the ALEXANDER was received by 10/11/2011.
Please contact the Headquarters coordinator at (916) 916-8315 or the address below for additional information regarding its status.

475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW ROOM 6700
WASHINGTON DC 20260-6700

Enclosure: (self-addressed envelope)

***Note:** The acknowledgment form is optional and to be used at the district's discretion. Please provide the following memorandum **and** **and a self-addressed return envelope** if you wish to receive an acknowledgment of Headquarters receipt of the record.

Date of Posting: 10/28/2011

Date of Removal: 11/29/2011

FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

The Alexander Post Office, an EAS-55 level, provides service from 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Monday - Friday, 08:00 - 09:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 24 hour on Monday - Friday and 24 hour on Saturday to 43 post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 18 transaction(s) accounting for 20 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$30,399 (79 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,494 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$24,176 (63 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Alexander Fire Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 27 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 05, 2011, 84 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Alexander Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Alexander Post Office. 25 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 10 unfavorable, and 15 expressed no opinion.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Bazine Post Office, an EAS-11 level office. Window service hours at the Bazine Post Office are from 08:00 16:15, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 202 post office boxes available.

The proposal to close the Alexander Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Alexander Post Office and Bazine Post Office from July 20, 2011 to September 20, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away.

2. **Concern:**

Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to adminoffice Post Office to pick up their mail

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.

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6. **Concern:**

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The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The mail volume has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by rural route service.

The Alexander Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 43 PO Box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 18. There are no permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$28,104 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Alexander Post Office and Bazine Post Office during normal office hours.
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Dean J Granholm
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

10/24/2011

Date



10/28/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER
Alexander Post Office

SUBJECT: Letter of Instructions Regarding Posting of the Alexander Post Office Final
Determination Docket No. 1352653 - 67513

Please post in the lobby the enclosed final determination to close the Alexander Post Office. The final determination must be posted in a prominent place from 10/28/2011 through close of business on 11/29/2011. It must be posted for at least 30 days and the first day does not count. Additionally, please take down the posted "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments under Internal Consideration" and return to this office.

Round-date stamp the cover of the final determination on the date of posting and on the date of removal. Please send the final determination to me by close of business on 11/30/2011.

Additional copies of the final determination are enclosed. Provide them to customers upon request.

Also enclosed is the official record upon which this final determination is based. Customers may read it; however, they may not remove it from your office. When a customer requests a copy of the record, provide it upon payment of any fees prescribed in Administrative Support Manual. If you do not have photocopy equipment, take the customer's name, address and telephone number and contact the district for needed copies.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (402) 930-4431.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Leann K. Tvrdy".

LEANN TVRDY
POST OFFICE REVIEW COORDINATOR
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE 68119-9500

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Date of Posting: 10/28/2011



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FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1352653 - 67513

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

The Alexander Post Office, an EAS-55 level, provides service from 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Monday - Friday, 08:00 - 09:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 24 hour on Monday - Friday and 24 hour on Saturday to 43 post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 18 transaction(s) accounting for 20 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$30,399 (79 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,494 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$24,176 (63 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Alexander Fire Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 27 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 05, 2011, 84 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Alexander Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Alexander Post Office. 25 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 10 unfavorable, and 15 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Bazine Post Office, an EAS-11 level office. Window service hours at the Bazine Post Office are from 08:00 16:15, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 202 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community

Response: The customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away.
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FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE ALEXANDER, KS POST OFFICE
AND ESTABLISH
SERVICE BY RURAL ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1352653 - 67513

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Alexander, KS Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by rural route service under the administrative responsibility of the Bazine Post Office, located nine miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on November 30, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Alexander's Postmaster position is vacant and the office has realized a steady decline in workload and customer demand over the last three years.

The Alexander Post Office, an EAS-55 level, provides service from 08:00 - 12:00 - 13:00 - 15:00 Monday - Friday, 08:00 - 09:30 Saturday and lobby hours of 24 hour on Monday - Friday and 24 hour on Saturday to 43 post office box or general delivery customers and 23 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 18 transaction(s) accounting for 20 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by rural route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$30,399 (79 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,494 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$24,176 (63 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were no permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On April 14, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at Alexander Fire Hall to answer questions and provide information to customers. 27 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 05, 2011, 84 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Alexander Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Alexander Post Office. 25 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 0 favorable, 10 unfavorable, and 15 expressed no opinion.

If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Bazine Post Office, an EAS-11 level office. Window service hours at the Bazine Post Office are from 08:00 16:15, Monday through Friday, and 09:30 10:00 on Saturday. There are 202 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

1. **Concern:** Customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community

Response: The customer expressed a concern about irregular hours that the rural route serves the community. Our carriers strive to provide service at approximately the same time on a daily basis, however mail volumes and weather conditions often effect delivery times. If you desire special services from the rural carrier you may leave a note in your mailbox instructing the carrier to sound his horn, and then meet the carrier to receive services. Retail services may also be obtained at the administrative post office located 9 miles away.
2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern for those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to adminoffice Post Office to pick up their mail

Response: The customer expressed a concern about those customers with disabilities who are not able to go to the post office to pick up their mail. Customers are not required to travel to another post office to receive mail or obtain retail services. These services will be provided by the carrier to a roadside mailbox located close to customers' residences. In hardship cases, delivery can be made to the home of a customer. Changes in the type of delivery are considered where service by existing methods would impose an extreme physical hardship for an individual customer. Any request for a change in delivery method must be submitted in writing to the administrative postmaster.
3. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service

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The customer expressed a concern over the dependability of rural route service. Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously and arrive at boxes at about the same time each day.

4. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

6. **Concern:**

You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service

Response:

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7. **Concern:**

Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response:

The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

8. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.

Response:

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

9. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about package delivery and pickup. Rural carriers will deliver packages that fit in your rural mail box, if the package does not fit in the mail box, the carrier will deliver the package up to ½ mile off of the line of travel, at a designated place, such as on your porch or under a carport.

10. **Concern:**

Customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages

- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the inability of the rural carrier to weigh and rate letters and packages. The rural carrier will accept any letters or packages for mailing. The carrier will estimate the cost and provide a receipt for any money received. On the following delivery day the carrier will provide change or a bill for the amount over the estimate.
11. **Concern:** Customer inquired about closing services on Saturday.
- Response:** Currently the Postal Service is committed to six day delivery week.
12. **Concern:** Customer inquired about the if the collection box would remain.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the status of the collection box. Generally the collection box is removed with CBU installations because the CBU's have collection units built into the units.
13. **Concern:** Customer inquired about where to place curb line box.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concerning over placing a curb line box. The administrative Postmaster will establish a line of travel and notification will be mailed to you.
14. **Concern:** Customer inquired to status on Saturday delivery.
- Response:** The customer expressed concerns about the status of Saturday delivery. Currently the USPS is committed to six day delivery.
15. **Concern:** Customer questioned who decides what type of delivery is provided, ie curblin or cbu. Who is responsible for upkeep?
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about delivery type. The MPOO and the administrative Postmaster will address the issue if the study continues.
16. **Concern:** Customer stated that St John KS was a distance to travel.
- Response:** The customer stated that St John KS was listed as the administrative office. The record has bee corrected to reflect Stafford KS is the administrative office.
17. **Concern:** Customers felt the cost of postage was increasing while service was decreasing
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the increasing cost of postage while service was decreasing. The Postal Service is not immune to rising costs affecting every family and business. We do not receive tax dollars to cover the cost of operations and must adjust our prices to cover our costs. The Postal Service Governors are responsible for approving prices for all Postal Service products and services. For mailing services prices, such as stamp prices, the Postal Service announces the new prices each February and they become effective each May. The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) reviews the new pricing for compliance with the price cap and other provisions of the Postal Act of 2006.
18. **Concern:** Customers felt the post office should remain open since they paid taxes
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern that since the people of your community paid taxes the post office should remain open. The Postal Service is not supported by tax dollars and must meet expenses by revenue it generates. Operational savings for the Postal Service contributes in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
19. **Concern:** Customers questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance
- Response:** The customer questioned the economic savings of the proposed discontinuance. Carrier service is more cost-effective than maintaining a postal facility and postmaster position. The Postal Service estimates an positive annual savings.

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20. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of address

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.

21. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of ZIP Code

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change of ZIP Code. Your zip code will not change.

22. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about obtaining accountable mail and large parcels. If you live less than one-half mile from the line of travel, the carrier will attempt delivery of accountable items and large parcels to the customer's residence. If the live over one-half mile away or is not home when delivery is attempted, a notice will be left in the mailbox. Large parcels will be left outside the mailbox or at a designated location or a notice will be left in the mailbox. Attempted delivery items will be taken back to the administrative Post Office. Customers may pick up the item at the post office, request redelivery on another day or authorize delivery to another party.

23. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier

Response:

The customer were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier, retail services provided at the post office are available from the carrier. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Listed below are some services available from the carrier and how to obtain them.

PURCHASING STAMPS BY MAIL

The Stamps by Mail Program provides customers the opportunity to purchase stamps, envelopes, and postal cards by using Form 3227-R, Stamp Purchase Order (Rural), available from the post office or the carrier. Commemorative stamps and stamp collecting products are also available. The customer addresses the postage paid order form envelope, encloses payment by personal check or postal money order made payable to the US Postal Service, and mails the form (postage-free) or leaves it in the mailbox for the carrier to pick up. Most orders are processed overnight, and some immediately.

PURCHASING POSTAL MONEY ORDERS

Customers may purchase money orders by meeting the carrier at the mailbox, completing an application, and paying the carrier (in cash) the price of the money order, plus the fee. The carrier gives the customer a receipt for the application. The money order is completed when the carrier returns to the post office, and a money order receipt is left in the customer's mailbox on the next delivery day. Most customers provide the carrier with a stamped, self-addressed envelope in which the completed money order is mailed to its destination. If customers prefer, the completed money orders will be returned for verification on the next delivery day.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Special services such as certified, registered, Express Mail, delivery confirmation, signature confirmation, and COD may be obtained from the carrier by leaving a note in the mailbox, along with the appropriate payment. The carrier will provide the services that day and leave a customer receipt in the mailbox on the next delivery day.

HOLDING MAIL

Customers who will be away for an extended time, such as a vacation, may request that their mail be held at the post office during their absence. Upon return the customer asks the post office to resume delivery.

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Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBU's can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Alexander is an incorporated community located in RUSH County. The community is administered politically by Alexander KS Mayor & Village Board. Police protection is provided by the Rush County Sheriff. Fire protection is provided by the Alexander Volunteer Fire Dept. The community is comprised of Ag/Farm related and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: United Methodist Church City of Alexander Alexander Fire Dept Walnut Valley Community Church, Grammy's Junktiques Midstate Coop Grumbein Salvage Alexander Golden Keys 3 and S Trucking Westbrook Oil Transport Dale Whitton Pumpong Kirada Ranch Inc Dale Schwierdt Pumping Schlegel Land & Cattle Showalter & Sons Construction Valley View Farms Edgar Schadel Pumping Bannister Farms KASBO Wind Ridge South LLC . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Alexander Post Office will be available at the Bazine Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Bazine Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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Response: The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
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Response: The customer also expressed a concern about leaving money in the mailbox. A questionnaire was sent to the postal inspection service concerning mail theft and vandalism in the suspended Post Office area. Their records indicate that there has not been any report of mail theft or vandalism in the area. However, customers may place a note in their mailboxes instructing the carrier to sound their horn when they arrive, in order to transact financial business.
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- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the loss of employment in the community. The postmaster position is vacant and there is no guarantee that any replacement postmaster would be from the community.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

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IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 28,104 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-55, No COLA)	\$ 23,025
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Total Annual Costs	\$ 34,758
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Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement Form Final Determination 30-Day Posting Dates

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BEFORE CHANGE POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Post Office

Name and State: ALEXANDER, KS

ZIP Code: 67513-9998 Finance no: 190165

County: RUSH

Type of discontinuance:

Consolidate () Close (X)

Type of discontinued facility

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch () MAIN_PO

Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Coordinator name: LEANN TVRDY

Telephone: (402) 930-4431

AFTER CHANGE POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Administrative

Post Office: BAZINE

ZIP Code: 67516-9633 Finance no: 190748

County: RUSH

Original name retained? Yes (X) No ()

New last line of customer address is:

ALEXANDER KS,67513

Type of replacement service

Post Office (X)

Classified Station () Branch ()

Contract Unit () Community Post Office (CPO) ()

Date:

(Location) District: CENTRAL PLAINS PFC

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Mailing instructions for CPO/classified station/classified branch discontinuance. Immediately submit three copies of this announcement form to the above address. For nonsuspended offices, enclose a copy of the letter sent to customers notifying them of the discontinuance.

For more information, call (202) 268-5083.

Headquarters entry: () TL () HS

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Final determination for an independent Post Office must be posted for at least 30 days.



12/01/2011

DISTRICT MANAGER
CENTRAL PLAINS PFC
6005 LOCKHEED COURT
OMAHA, NE, 68119-9500

ATTENTION: Post Office Review Coordinator

SUBJECT: Announcement of Appeal to the Discontinuance of the
ALEXANDER, 67513-9998 Docket No. 1352653 - 67513

This is to advise you that an appeal to the final determination to discontinue the ALEXANDER has been filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission. The Headquarters managing counsel, legal policy and ratemaking office, will provide you with copies of all pleadings, notices, orders, briefs, and opinions filed in the appeal proceeding.

In accordance with the Postal Operations Manual, please ensure that a copy of these documents, as well as the final determination, are prominently displayed and made available for inspection by the public at the affected Post Offices until the Commission has issued its final order and opinion. The Postal Regulatory commission has up to 120 days (four months) to consider the appeal and issue its decision.

No final action may be taken until the final decision has been made and you have received written notification of that decision along with appropriate instructions.

This memorandum must be filed in the official record.

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Romero at (916) 373-8315.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kevin Romero
Manager Field Performance West

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